

BROCKTON TEENS: TAKING ACTION WITH IMPACT

Brockton Youth Council Is Created to Address Youth Concerns Within Community/Announce Details of 2010 Mayor's Youth Summit

The Boys & Girls Club of Brockton and Mayor Linda Balzotti are pleased to announce the creation of the Brockton Youth Council. Information on this exciting new initiative as well as details of the 2010 Mayor's Youth Summit will be outlined at a press conference scheduled at the Brockton Teen Center on Monday, **May 3rd from 4:30-5:00 p.m.** Brockton Youth Council members will be introduced and speak about their goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Brockton Youth Council consists of Brockton teenagers with various social and academic backgrounds working to make a positive impact within the community. The Council was created to address a need derived from the 2010 Mayor's Youth Summit at Massasoit Community College on Saturday, May 15th. This enthusiastic team of teenagers will meet immediately after the press conference to discuss future action steps.

The Brockton Youth Council will identify a community need and work during the school year to address that need. The Council will report on its progress during the school year and announce their accomplishments at the 2011 Mayor's Youth Summit.

The Boys & Girls Club and Mayor's Office invited Brockton teenagers to apply for a seat on the Council by submitting a letter of interest. Fourteen teenagers from Brockton High School, Cardinal Spellman High School, Champion High School and the middle schools were selected as representatives.

We would like to congratulate the following young people; Chantel Jordan, James Sepulveda, Manny Gomes, Lekenya Cesar, Priscilla Cruz, Raquel Reyes, Blanceliz Diaz, Edward Jaynes, Anne Marie Maxi, and Oumar Toure for partaking in the challenging year ahead of them!

The Brockton Teen Center was opened in July 2008 for the purpose of serving an underserved population in the south side of Brockton. Located inside the Fruth Center, owned by the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Brockton Teen Center is open from 2:00-8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for teenagers ages 15-19. For an all-inclusive one year membership of only \$15, teenagers participate in activities facilitated by Boys & Girls Club of Brockton staff within five core program areas: Education and Career Development; Character and Leadership Development; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; Health and Life Skills; and Arts.